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SUBJECT: GOG TO TAKE PANAM TO COURT JULY 8 IN SUIT FOR LANDING
CHARGES

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1027 (B) BURKE/MATTHEWS TELCON JULY 1

1. GOG PRESS OVER WEEKEND (JUNE 30) GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE
TO WRIT FILED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 29) AGAINST PANAM ALLEGING
AIRLINE OWES SOME \$50,000 US IN LANDING CHARGES. CASE NOW
SCHEDULED FOR FIRST JUDICIAL HEARING JUL78. LOCAL PANAM AGENT
TOLD EMBASSY TODAY (JULY 1) THAT NEW YORK HAS NOT YET RESPONDED
TO LATEST GOG ACTION. PERMSEC IN MINISTRY OF WORKS AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS HAS AGAIN ASKED PANAM AGENT HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE COMPANY
TO CLOSE DOWN GUYANA OPERATIONS. AGENT CONTINUES TO INSIST ON
WRITTEN QUERY, BEFORE ANSWERING.

2. COMMENT: GOG HAS DECIDED INITIALLY AT LEAST TO FOLLOW
JUDICIAL PROCEDURE FOR RECOVERY OF CHARGES. SIGNIFICANTLY,
PRESS REPORT AGAIN LINKS PANAMA CASE WITH BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT
DISCUSSIONS. THOUGH BOTH CLLINS (PERMSEC IN FONOFF) AND
HOYTE (MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS) HAVE ASURED CHARGE'
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THEY AWARE THE TWO SITUATIONS ARE SEPARATE, THEY ARE IN FACT

INTERMINGLED IN PUBLIC MIND AS RESULT HOYTE'S DELIBERATE
CAMPAIGN OF PRESS.

3. FYI. EMBASSY INFORMED BY FONOFF THAT REPLY TO OUR LATEST
NOTE (MAY 17) ON BILATERALS IS BEING DELIVERED AND THAT IT
REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS, PREFERABLY IN GEORGETOWN, IN JULY
(REF BD. WILL REPORT GOG REACTION SEPTTEL WHEN WE RECEIVE NOTE.
MATTHEWS

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